

MEMORANDUM

To: Clean Energy Partnership Board

From: Planning Team

Date: 06-04-2016

Subject: Overview of EVAC Comments on Draft Clean Energy Partnership Annual Report

The May 23, 2016 Energy Vision Advisory Committee meeting included a review of the 2015 draft Clean Energy Partnership Annual Report (Report) and time to comment or ask clarifying questions. Members could also send an email after the meeting with further questions or comments. EVAC's recommended changes were made to the final Report when possible. However, some recommendations will need to be more fully vetted to determine if they can be incorporated into the 2016 Report. Both the Planning Team and EVAC recognized the difficulties in gathering and displaying the data in the format provided. We are aware of no other city and investor owned utility partnership that had attempted this. Future EVAC meetings will dive deeper into the Report's analytics.

Major Comments:

- It would be useful to see percentage numbers or cumulative multi-year data in future years so EVAC can understand relationship between the Report numbers and the progress towards the goals of the Minneapolis Climate Action Plan.
- List the Minneapolis Climate Action Plan goals with the appropriate metrics to more fully understand the implications and context.
- The Report should be explicit and transparent about how household numbers are counted and what are the definitions of residential, multi-family and commercial throughout the document.
- Related to the maps:
 - The legends should be explicit as to what is being counted (i.e., a building, a unit within a building or a household).
 - The color gradation of the maps could be easier to read.
 - Explain outliers (e.g., did a large building participate that skewed the numbers).
 - Be explicit how data is broken out (e.g., quartiles)
- In some cases, it would be helpful to know about how Minneapolis data compares to utility service territory as a whole or other cities.
- Some data is still missing (including 2015 Windsource, 2015 Greenhouse Gas Emissions, and 2015 energy usage) and EVAC would like the info as it is updated.
- For all metrics relating to participation in programs where there are similar or shared programs offered by both Xcel Energy and CenterPoint Energy: Include numbers on how many of the participants are taking part in both utility's programs. This will be helpful for avoiding double counting participation across utilities, and also in understanding whether participants are accessing all programs available to them.
- The Xcel Energy and CenterPoint Energy participation maps are in most cases, significantly different. What is happening that they are so different? What do the patterns in those maps suggest the Partnership could do to encourage deeper participation
- The downtown NRG gap is significant. What could the Partnership do to support NRG and NRG customers in addressing their energy use?

